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REMARKS

The specification is amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed Foreign Application.

In amended Figure 2 the label "Related Art" is added and in each of amended Figures 6-13 the label "Prior Art" is added. Applicants respectfully request that the corrected drawing be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Carolyn T. Baumgardner (Reg. No. 41,345) at (703) 205-8000 **to schedule a Personal Interview.**

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Eight (8) replacement drawing sheets